

All men are talking politics, and they get so excited that they almost come to blows. The women and children have even begun and I think they are warmer in their language than the ^{men}. Bryan seems to be having a triumphal passage through the country notwithstanding the decision of the Sound-Many Democrats and the probability of a Third Ticket. 'I am very glad I do not have to dole, and gladder still I do not have to make party speeches; for the summer before a presidential election is always hot.

John Epilman's father is coming Tuesday to stay a day or so. and see the Academy. I tried to convince mother that it is quite ^{im-}proper for us to entertain these young men while she is away. but she thinks we are old enough. and ought to be discreet enough to manage with Maadi's assistance.

The dinner is done. Love for all.

Very sincerely your friend
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